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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) were previously supplied to the examiner together with the International Search Report mailed January 13, 1999.

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an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS011/KAM.

The present application is a national stage filing as the United States was designated under PCT application number PCT/EP98/05518, filed August 31, 1998, and the PCT application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), since copies of the references cited in the International Search Report have already been submitted to the United States Receiving Office, copies of the references (B1-B3 and C1-C3) listed are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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